

Remarks

Claims 1-21 are currently pending. Claims 1, 5, 6, 12, 16-28, 20, and 21 have been amended. Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14, 16-19, and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stone (US Pat 5,767,778) in view of Sawada (US Pat 6,810,274). Claims 4, 11, 15, and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stone in view of Sawada and further in view of Haraguchi (US Pat 6,597,279).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

All pending claims now include recitations to a first battery and a second battery that include terminals that receive a signal from the cellular telephone, and that the sound generating device of either the first battery or the second battery is triggered to play upon receiving a signal through the terminals from the cellular telephone when the cellular telephone detects a call. As a representative example, claim 1 includes recitations to first and second batteries for providing power to the cellular telephone and each having terminals for establishing an electrical connection with the cellular telephone. Claim 1 further includes recitations to first and second sound generating devices attached to the first battery and the second battery, respectively, and with the first battery comprising memory for storing a first sound file and the second battery comprising memory for storing a second sound file, wherein the first and second sound generating devices are triggered to play sound associated with the first sound file when the first battery is installed in the cellular telephone and triggered to play sound associated with the second sound file when the second battery is installed in the cellular telephone upon receiving an electrical signal produced by the cellular telephone through the terminals upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone;

The cited art fails to disclose two batteries for a cellular telephone with each battery having a terminal for receiving a signal from the cellular telephone so that switching batteries allows the sounds to be changed and still be triggered by a signal from the cellular phone that is received through the terminals when a call is detected.

Accordingly, these cited references fail to disclose, singly or in combination, the recitations of claim 1. The additional independent claims 5-7, 12, 16-18, and 20 include similar recitations involving two batteries having terminals for receiving the signal from the cellular telephone and having different sound file(s) such that these additional independent claims are also allowable over the cited references. Furthermore, dependent claims 2-4, 8-11, 13-15, and 19 depend from allowable base claims and are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

Additionally, independent claims 6, 7, 12, 16, and 17 further include recitations to at least a first battery providing power to the cellular telephone and having terminals for establishing an electrical connection with the cellular telephone to provide power to the cellular telephone and to receive a signal from the cellular telephone through the same terminals. The cited references also fail to disclose that the signal provided from the cellular telephone to the battery to cause the sound to be triggered is provided through the same terminals of the battery that provide power to the cellular phone. Accordingly, these claims and any dependents thereof are also allowable over the cited references for at least these additional reasons.


Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-21 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees beyond the fee for continued examination are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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